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SUBJ: OPRED -- SECOND DEA SPECIAL AGENT AT VIENNA;

DEA LIAISON IN EE AREA

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1. THERE IS ALMOST NO USEFUL COMMENT THAT EMBASSY BUDAPEST CAN PROVIDE ON PROSPECTIVE ASSIGNMENT SECOND SPECIAL AGENT TO DEA OFFICE VIENNA. WE HAVE NO IDEA OF NATURE AND SCOPE OF DEA LIAISON WITH GOVERNMENTS OF BULGARIA, ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA; NOR DO WE HAVE ANY "NEED-TO-KNOW." ON THE OTHER HAND WE DO KNOW THAT HUNGARIANS, BEING IDEOLOGICAL PURISTS, INSIST THAT DRUG ADDICTION AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IS A SOCIAL AND POLITICAL MALADY DUE SOLELY TO THE INHERENT CONTRADICTIONS IN CAPITALISM. HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES ARE ADAMANT IN THEIR REPEATED ASSERTIONS: 1) THAT HUNGARY BEING A SOCIALIST STATE DOES NOT SUFFER FROM THIS DREAD AFFLICTION; 2) THAT THERE ARE IN HUNGARY NO FACILITIES FOR THE

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HALLUCINATING DRUGS; AND 3) THAT SUCH MINIMAL TRAFFICKING AS MAY OCCUR ON RARE OCCASIONS IS SOLELY REPEAT SOLELY CONDUCTED BY "HOSTILE FOREIGN ELEMENTS" WHO ARE ABUSING HUNGARIAN HOSPITALITY.

2. EMBASSY'S REPEATED EFFORTS OVER MANY WEEKS TO OBTAIN THROUGH FONOFF ENOUGH DATA TO RESPOND TO STATE A-2665 AND STATE 115992 HAVE MET WITH SCANT SUCCESS. DCM NOW RAISING WHOLE ISSUE WITH AMBASSADOR VARKONYI IN FAINT HOPE THAT FONOFF AT SENIOR LEVEL WILL EXERT ITSELF AND SUCCEED IN EXTRACTING EVEN NIGGARDLY COOPERATION FROM HUNGARIAN POLICE; BUT WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS.

3. IF DEPARTMENT OR DEA HAS HARD EVIDENCE OF NARCOTICS/ DRUG PROBLEM, TRAFFICKING OR ILLICIT PRODUCTION ANYWHERE IN HUNGARY, WE COULD USE SUCH DATA TO GREAT ADVANTAGE TO WOO THE MAGYARS INTO COOPERATION JUST AS EMBASSY DID IN RECENT COUNTERFEITING CASES, (PARIS 3917 AND 11410; BUDAPEST 1343 AND 1437). GOH LEADERSHIP, AS DEPARTMENT WELL AWARE, REVERES AND OBSERVES ETHICAL STANDARDS REMINISCENT OF COTTON AND INCREASE MATHER. THEY WORSHIP SOCIALIST VIRTUE AND ABHOR CAPITALIST CRIMINALITY TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT USG MAY JUST POSSIBLY EMBARRASS HUNGARIANS INTO COOPERATING WITH DEA AND OTHER WESTERN LAW ENFORCEMENT BODIES WHENEVER WE OFFER CONVINCING PROOF THAT EVIL--AND TO THEIR MINDS SUBVERSIVE--ELEMENTS ARE LURKING WITHIN THEIR NATIONAL BOUNDARIES.

4. FINALLY WE WOULD NOT: A) IF DEA VIENNA IS TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVELY ITS LIAISON RESPONSIBILITY WITH GOH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, ONE OR BOTH SPECAIL AGENTS SHOULD SPEAK HUNGARIAN; AND B) EMBASSY BI APEST WISHES TO INSURE THAT IT WILL RECEIVE PRIOR NOTIFICATION BEFORE DEA AGENT ENTERS HUNGARY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS OR ON LEAVE. CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES AND THE MOVEMENTS OF COVERT OPERATIVES ARE AN EXTRAORDINARILY TICKLISH BUSINESS HERE.

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